

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case. No. 25-CR-1044 GBW

MIGUEL ANGEL VALDEZ-CARDENAS,

Defendant.

**ORDER REOPENING DETENTION HEARING AND RELEASING DEFENDANT
PENDING RESOLUTION OF COUNTS TWO AND THREE**

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon Defendant's oral motion after he entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of his pending Information. *Doc. 10*.

After the guilty plea to Count 1, the Court imposed sentence as to that count. *Id.* Consequently, two charges remain pending against Defendant: a violation of 50 U.S.C. § 797 (Count 2) and a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1382 (Count 3). *See doc. 1*.

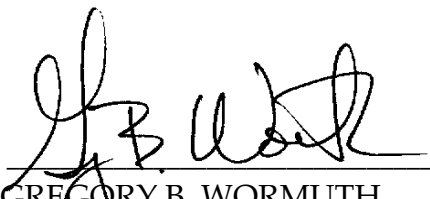
A detention hearing may be reopened at any time before trial if the judicial officer finds that "information exists that was not known to the movant at the time of the hearing and that has a material bearing on the issue whether there are conditions of release that will reasonably assure the appearance of such person as required and the safety of any other person and the community." 18 U.S.C. § 1342(f). One of the factors to be considered in this determination is the weight of the evidence against the person." 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(2).

Subsequent to the original detention hearing, the Court has concluded that the charges brought in Counts 2 and 3 require a showing that a defendant knew they were entering a regulated military area. *See* Memorandum Opinion and Order, *United States v. Acosta-Garcia*, No. 2:25-mj-1418-GBW, *doc. 5* (May 14, 2025). Based on the factual allegations in the criminal complaint in the instant case, there is no probable cause to support such a finding. *See Criminal Complaint, United States v. Valdez-Cardenas, doc. 1* (May 1, 2025). Given this conclusion and the lack of any further evidence of knowledge presented by the government, Counts 2 and 3 are fatally weak.

Based on the foregoing, the Court is reopening the detention hearing and finding that conditions of release can be fashioned pending resolution of Counts 2 and 3. Defendant will be released on his own recognizance.

This release order shall become effective at **12:00 p.m. MST on the day following the change of plea**, unless the United States files an appeal with the District Judge AND obtains a stay of this Order from the District Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



GREGORY B. WORMUTH
CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE